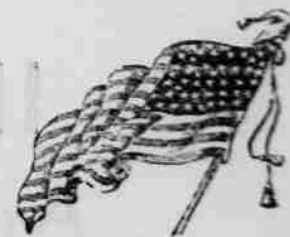




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LOVESICK MAN FIRES GREEKTOWN HOMES

The firebug who nearly succeeded in terrorizing Williams with a series of fires last Saturday, Sunday and Monday seems to have left town. He kept the Greek population in a state of nervous apprehension by starting four of the five fires in that section. As most of the houses there are small frame shacks the danger of fire spreading was to be considered and when ever the alarm was sounded the volunteer fire fighters of Williams rushed from beneath the covers, out into the cold night air to extinguish the blazes.

The reason for the seeming attempt to render homeless some five hundred Greeks and Mexicans was hard to imagine but at last Marshall Burns got a clew and finally not only discovered the motive of the firebug but secured a complete description of him, and if the man has not left town it is but a matter of a short time until he will be under arrest.

Cupid, it seems, has taken an unusual way in which to prove that the course of true loves never runs smoothly, for he is now being blamed for having allowed the soul mate of a Mexican man to leave town without bidding him farewell. The fires of love swept the wouldbe wooer away from the paths of calm, collected thinking and finally, raging at the continued absence of his hearts desire he became tormented with the conviction that she was in Williams but for some unknown reason was hiding from him.

He devised a plan by which he could locate her, that of burning any and all houses in which she might be living. Three fires Saturday night did little damage, the one shack, the home of a family of thirteen was completely destroyed. Two other blazes on the same night kept the volunteer firemen warm but they may have cooled the ardor of hope entertained by the lovesick swain for the beloved member of the fair sex was not discovered. The fact that she had previously moved to Prescott probably caused this disappointment.

Fires on the two succeeding night kept Greekville busy and finally a watch was maintained which kept the firebug at a distance. Marshall Burns gave instructions that if a prowler was seen that a shot should be taken at him, and quite likely word of this was carried to the man and he left town.

From Grand Canyon

Mrs. Steve Quinn and Mrs. J. Lummison were down from the Grand Canyon today.

GARLAND PRAIRIE

H. S. Perry purchased a potato digger and dug his spuds the fast way.

Joe Cook has completed delivering hay to the A. L. & T. camps, Maine.

A. V. Hutchison, J. D. Tannehill, John Hixenbaugh and C. W. Howe spent a few days in hunting in the Sycamore Canyon.

Oliver and R. J. Gardner have purchased a spud digger.

John Hixenbaugh, who has been working for C. W. Howe, left Wednesday for Gallup, New Mexico.

COCONINO FAIR EXHIBITS

The first shipment of Cocconino's Fair exhibits was sent to Phoenix Wednesday. In the shipment there were upwards of fifty grain sheafs, besides a number of exhibits of forage crops. The remainder will be on the way today. Potatoes, apples, squash, thrashed wheat and oats, beans, and several varieties of vegetables will make the second consignment.

To be in keeping with the Countys' big crop, Fair Commissioner Beeson has decided to "go over the top" on potatoes. No doubt the largest potato exhibit that has ever been at the State Fair must now surrender its position to Cocconino County.

Just as advice, it might be well for the judge to bring up his "supports" and "strengthen the lines" for our red, white and blue spud color scheme might dazzle his patriotic eyes and they may be attracted sympathetically by the glare.

Contestants from other counties, beware of Cocconino's bugle call. Our forces represent the multitude. Notes will be dropped from aeroplanes into the "enemy" trenches bearing this information; "Judges take off the gas masks. We have no fumes or obstructions to mar your keen vision. We fight on the square. Contestants, reinforce your advance guards. Close up the lines. We come from the north, from heights with a non-foggy atmosphere. No notes are in the eyes of our "sharpshooters." Their aim is sure. At your weak points we will strike, thru which we can already see the blues, reds and whites come tumbling our way.

WOMANS' CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club will meet at the Parish House Tuesday, November 13th, at 2:30 P.M. Subject; Women in Outdoor Art.

Leader, Mrs. Robinson

Xmas Packages for Soldiers

Forty Xmas packages for soldiers who have left this community were filled and ealed at the library last Friday afternoon by the ladies of Williams. This work was made a public interest and contributions were received from many residents of the town.

The packages contain a dozen articles, some for further comfort for the soldiers, including handkerchiefs, etc. and some for amusement only, such as tobacco and cards.

The packages are tied in real Christmas style, ribbons and cards and seals being used and should bring pleasure to each recipient.

Birthday Party.

Little Miss Florence Ferguson is hostess to a number of friends today, in honor of her birthday.

From Flag. Tuesday

Mercer Hemperly, of Flagstaff, was in town Tuesday, on business.

To Linda Vista

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Phillips and daughter Riola left at noon today for Linda Vista, California, where they will spend ten days visiting Adelbert.

From Flagstaff

Miss Louise Greenlaw was down from Flagstaff Wednesday.

LANDSLIDE FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS 69 NOTE "YES," 13 VOTE "NO"

Campaign uneventful until last week when opposition develops sudden strength—Strength of Opposition Wanes and Day Before Election Success of Bonds Assured—Majority unexpectedly Large

In the municipal bond election held here Tuesday, 69 votes were cast for the bonds and 13 against them. The campaign was a very quiet one until the last week before the election when the opposition became suddenly active. Mass meetings were held by those favoring the bonds on Saturday and Monday nights, at the Sultana. These meetings are credited with helping to swell the majority. The spirit of unity for good of the community displayed is an encouraging sign for all property owners.

The only excitement of the campaign was started when the opposition appeared in force at the mass meeting held in the school house on Wednesday night, October 31. At this meeting the opposition, championed by Judge X. N. Steeves, made assertions to the effect that the manner of calling the election was illegal, that the proposition was entirely too indefinite, that the council was not bound to any definite course of procedure and would be subjected to a severe temptation in the handling of the funds if voted, that to vote bonds at the present time would be extremely unpatriotic, et cetera. This lighted the fuse that started the fire works.

The first sky rocket to be reached by the fuse was George Baumann, who instantly mounted into the air with a roar and did not come down until the election was carried five to one and better. Mr. Baumann is heavily interested in real estate in the town and naturally felt a vital interest in the progress of the town. The next fiery illumination observed dispelling the darkness was C. E. Boyce, who summoned Mr. Baumann and a number of other luminaries to his office Friday night and planned mass meetings for Saturday and Monday nights.

The meeting held Saturday night was a success and the objections formerly voiced by the opposition were separately so riddled by the accurate fire of those favoring the issue, that not a single shot was fired in return by the opponents.

Monday evening was yet a greater success, with a large number of the business men of the town present and eager to express their approval of the bond issue, and their vital concern in the bonds carrying. Again the opposition batteries were thoroly silenced—so thoroly that they were not heard again afterward.

Perhaps the most amusing incident of the evening was the startling of Judge Steeves by reading his name off from the list of those signing the petition asking for the election. Formerly he had made the assertion that the council had called the election without such a petition. His signing this petition had slipped his mind entirely and as he stated, "he had no recollection of having signed any such petition." The laugh was on the Judge, for good.

All went off quietly on Tuesday except for a little excitement caused over the question of whether a wife could vote when she had allowed her husband to pay taxes on her property so that his name was on the tax register and not hers. The ruling was that in order to vote one's name had to be on the tax register. This lost many women who were actually property owners, their votes, and in a few cases men were barred on the same ground. However, the result of the election was so decided that the lost votes are held of no concern, but it is safe to say that the women's names will appear on the tax rolls after this, wherever they are owners of property.

The result of the election proves that the spirit of unity for community interest is growing in Williams, and promises much for the future of the town. The overwhelming majority vindicates the Town Council in the good work they have done, and shows the confidence the community has in their integrity and ability.

Enlists in Navy

Another Williams boy has enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam, namely, Emery Emerson, who passed thru here Tuesday night en route from Kingman to El Paso, where he will report as a navy recruit.

To California

Mrs. E. B. Perrin left for California Wednesday, where she will spend about two weeks.

To State Fair

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Ritter and Mrs. A. R. Montgomery will leave for Phoenix Friday, in Mr. Ritters' auto, to attend the State Fair. They will return in about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Shiver here

Mr. and Mrs. H. Shiver are registered at Cottage Rooms, this week.

Who Were They?

A couple from Williams rushed into the court house late Thursday evening, procured a marriage license and induced Judge Perkins to perform the Dr. Miller and Chas. Adams as witnesses to the ceremony and then swore the whole bunch of accomplices to secrecy. Their friends in Williams will have no trouble in discovering the names of the newlyweds from this clue. —Cocconino Sun

Has Been Ill

Miss Selma Bush has been quite ill this week. She is suffering with a nervous breakdown.

TOOK HORSES TO FAIR

Chas. and Jim Wade took a number of horses to Phoenix for Fair Week.

SATAN WRITES TO KAISER; OFFERS HIM THE NETHER THRONE

(From Delta, Co. Independent)

This little satire written by Louis Syberkrop to please his friends and their friends has become an elephant on his hands.

Letters are pouring in from every state of the union and Canada inquiring for more copies. Already thousands have been forwarded to France, England and Canada.

Letters are coming from men of prominence, such as Tumulty Roosevelt and Secretary Daniels of the Navy.

Some of Satan's letters have already found their way into the German trenches by airship route.

If it is good as they all say then it is worth pushing along. It will give pleasure to you and your friends.

The Infernal Region.

June 28, 1917.

To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of All Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God My Dear Wilhelm:

I can call you by that familiar name, for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could know.

From the time that you were

C. M. Bentley Passes Away

Mr. C. M. Bentley, who for years was one of the most respected residents of Williams, died in Phoenix, Tuesday, in which city he has lived for the past two years. Death was caused by recent necessity for amputation of his foot coupled with the fact that Mr. Bentley had reached the 70th mile-post in years.

The remains were brought to Williams by Frank Bentley, son of the deceased, and funeral services were conducted by Mr. Royal A. Weaver, of the Methodist Church, at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Among friends of the deceased, who acted as pall bearers were H. M. Stark, E. W. Carlson, D. McClellan, A. Miller, J. Klock and F. Ferguson. Interment was made in the local cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. C. M. Bentley, who died here a few years ago.

Mr. Bentley was connected with the mill for many years and during this time won an enviable reputation for character and leaves numerous friends to mourn his passing. Of him it is said that there never has been a finer man in Williams.

C. Hawkins at Flagstaff

Charles Hawkins spent Wednesday in Flagstaff.

Foster Mothers for Soldiers

The 511 soldier boys who have gone from the Globe district have been provided with foster mothers by the Globe committee of the war camp recreation service. Letters and gifts are to follow the boys during the war period.

Leaves for Phoenix 1/4

Lilo Padillo left today for Phoenix. His visit in that city is of indefinite length as he is considering making his home there this winter.

Thomasson Buys Ford

Mr. W. F. Thomasson purchased a new Ford this week.

RED LAKE VALLEY NEWS

Dance at Mr. Claude Thomasson's, Friday evening November 9, 1917.

Meeting of the Red Lake Woman's Club on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Anna B. Murphy. It is hoped that steps for a definite constructive program for the winter's work may be taken. Red Cross work and conservation of food are to be taken for a permanent organization of the club.

Mrs. Walter F. Thomasson obtained her automobile at a most opportune time for she and Mrs. Murphy were chosen to secure food pledges and the new car made it possible for them to make the rounds of the valley in a very short time.

Effective advertising of our potatoes is being done by Mr. Carl Hinds, as well as by Mr. Walter F. Thomasson. Each sack of potatoes sent out by them contains a card bearing the legend, "Red Lake Potatoes Grown by ———."

Mr. Walter F. Thomasson has begun tanking.

Mr. Dan McLean is waiting for Mr. Bill Williams and the bailer.

Mr. Ralph McLean was at Red Lake on Tuesday, leaving on Friday for Needles, Los Angeles and San Diego, where he will visit with his brother at camp Kearney.

SCHOOL NOTES

Jane McConkey and Minnie Drennan are spending the week visiting at the Grand Canyon.

Little Martha Mitchell is sick with the measles this week, thus preventing her sisters, Olive and Helen, from attending school.

Myron Appleton is able to be at school again this week. He has been ill with the measles.

Our morning exercises this week have been on the subject of the great war. Monday morning Fred Seeger talked to us on "The Power of Germany." Wednesday morning Claud Matz gave the second talk. He chose for his subject; "The Aim and Position of France in the Present War."

Riola Phillips and her parents are expecting to go on Thursday to San Diego, for a visit to their brother and son, Adelbert, who is in military training at the camp near that city.

In Flag Tuesday

L. W. Cureton was a visitor in Flagstaff Tuesday.

Old-Time Stockman

A. F. ("Gus") Polson, for many years in the cattle business near Williams, was in town Tuesday. — N. A. Leader

Smith Beck in Phoenix

Smith Beck left Monday for Phoenix. He expects to send later, for his family.

Williams Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bly, the former one of the large growers of sheep, are in the city from Williams, to remain for a few days, being en route to the south for the winter. Mr. Bly has on the road several bands of sheep to winter quarters south of Congress Junction. —Prescott Journal-Miner